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CYBERATTACKS AND VACCINE



Cyberattacks and Vaccine – level 2



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Recently, there have been a number of **cyberattacks** on medical organizations. These organizations are trying to make coronavirus vaccines.

On Thursday, the US, UK, and Canada said that Russia tried to steal information on coronavirus vaccines. However, the three countries believe that Russia does not want to stop the research. It is not clear if Russia stole some information or not.

However, the three countries said that they knew who made the cyberattacks. They said that it was a group called APT29. The group is a part of the Russian government, and some countries believe that the group tried to **influence** the US **presidential elections** in 2016.

Russian officials said that Russia did not make the attacks and that other countries wanted to influence what people think about Russia.



VOCABULARIES

o **cyberattack** /'saɪ.bə.ə.tæk/

o *noun* – when someone wants to damage a computer network or steal some information from it

o **medical organization** /'med.ɪ.kəl/ /,ɔ:r.gən.ə'zeɪ.ʃən/

o *noun* – group that practices medicine and physical treatments

o **influence** /'ɪn.flu.əns/

o *verb* - To have an effect on something

o **vaccine** /'væk.si:n/

o *noun* - a special substance that you take into your body to prevent a disease

o **steal** /sti:l/

o *verb* – to take something without permission

o **presidential election** /,prez.ɪ'den.ʃəl/ /i'lek.ʃən/

o *noun* - When people choose a new president of the country

Instruction: Take one noun and one verb from the words above to construct a sentence.
Use all the words to make 5 sentences.

QUICK CHECK

- o What was the concern that came on the medical organizations?
- o What do these medical organizations do?
- o What was US, UK and Canada's speculation on this form of attack?
- o What do these three countries believe about Russia and what was not clear in their speculation?
- o According to these countries, who made the cyberattacks?
- o What do these countries believed that this group did?
- o What was Russia's response to these statements made by the three countries?

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- o Do you think cyberattacks are an alarming situation? Why so?
- o Who do you think will be affected by this form of attack? How will they be affected in your opinion?
- o Do you agree or believe the statements of US, UK and Canada about Russia? Please elaborate.
- o Do you believe the Russian official's statement in defence to what the three countries were saying? Why so?
- o If this attack happens in your country, what do you think should be the country's response—both the government and the citizens'?